

## **Landscape Improvements Increase Home Value and Resale Odds**

According to the Associated Landscape Contractors of Colorado (ALCC), fall is an excellent time to spruce up beds with annual color, add perennial shrubs or plant trees (which can often be found at a discount this time of year) in your landscape. ALCC offers these simple, low-cost tips to increase a home's curb appeal:

- Spruce up the front porch and add fall color with attractive containers filled with mums or pansies.
- Aerate and fertilize the lawn so it becomes healthy and eliminate all weeds.
- Make sure plants are in proportion to the home, and not overgrown. In new subdivisions, an investment in trees and shrubs can make a home stand out.
- Add more outdoor interest through fall/winter deals on decks, flagstone or patterned concrete patios, pergolas and retaining walls. These projects can be done whenever it's dry and the ground is not frozen.
- Plant spring-flowering bulbs like tulips and daffodils.